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The current proposal for the Microsoft settlement does not go far enough as a remedy that will curtail similar practices in the company's future. In every logical sense it rewards Microsoft's behaviors by expanding it's reach.

Many within that circle are refer to the proposal as "a victory over the government." Sadly this may be recorded as a failing of our system to follow through.

A settlement for the sake of settlement alone is not justice, but criminal. The finding of fact which confirms that Microsoft functions as a monopoly should not be a ignored out of convenience.

It is my belief that the penalty should reflect the findings of the court. The proposed settlement is slipshod and not strong enough to levy any real penalty at all.

As an concerned citizen, I'm against the current settlement Microsoft is pushing for.

Sincerely, David Smith